1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 Northern District of California 8 San Francisco Division 9 10 ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, et al. 11 No. C 14-1171 MEJ Plaintiffs, **ORDER RE: ATTENDANCE AT** 12 **MEDIATION** v. 13 THE GREAT BULL RUN, LLC, et al., September 16, 2014 Dirk Schenkkan 14 Date: Mediator: Defendants. 15 16 17 Before the court are plaintiffs' and defendants' requests for their client representatives to be 18 excused from appearing in person at the mediation scheduled for September 16, 2014 before Dirk 19 Schenkkan. ADR L.R. 6-10(d) requires that any request to be excused from appearing in person at a 20 mediation be accompanied by a statement as to why attending the mediation would cause the 21 requesting party 'extraordinary or otherwise unjustifiable hardship.' The court finds that neither 22 party has demonstrated that their being required to attend the mediation would cause such hardship 23 and accordingly DENIES both requests. The representatives for all parties shall appear in person at 24 the mediation. 25 IT IS SO ORDERED. 26 27 September 4, 2014 By: 28 Dated Elizabeth D. Laporte United States Chief Magistrate Judge